

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 13, 2003 (BOS Mtg. 8/19/03)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Through Truck Restrictions on Wolf Trap Road, Claxton Creek Road, and Purgold Road

ISSUE AND CONSIDERATIONS

Pursuant to Section 46.2-809 of the Code of Virginia, the Commonwealth Transportation Board may, in response to a formal request by a local governing body, prohibit or restrict the use by through truck traffic of any part of a primary or secondary highway if a reasonable alternate route is provided. In recent months the Board has expressed its willingness to consider requesting truck restrictions on Wolf Trap Road (Route 630) between Goodwin Neck Road and Route 17, which apparently is being used as a shortcut by oil and gas tanker trucks between the Giant Industries Refinery/marketing facilities and Route 17. In addition, in response to a concern raised by the Seaford Scallop Company, the Board has indicated its desire to also consider such restrictions for Claxton Creek Road (Route 652) and Purgold Road (Route 625) in order to prevent large trucks using these two narrow roads to access its facility.

In order for VDOT to consider restricting through truck traffic on any road, the Board of Supervisors must make a formal request, by resolution, following a duly advertised public hearing. (The Board may recall similar requests to restrict through-truck traffic on Allens Mill Road¹ and portions of Penniman Road², both of which were approved.) Upon receipt of the request, VDOT will conduct an engineering, traffic volume, and accident analysis and review the proposed restriction against five specific criteria (see attached summary), at least three of which must be met for the restriction to be considered. After that review and analysis, VDOT must publish notice of the proposed restriction and provide a thirty-day comment period before the Commonwealth Transportation Board will make a final decision.

RECOMMENDATION

I believe that it is reasonable to restrict through truck traffic on Wolf Trap Road, Claxton Creek Road, and Purgold Road given their functional classification, residential character, and the availability of a suitable alternate route. Pending the citizen comments received at the public hearing, I recommend that the Board formally request VDOT to initiate the review process for considering the establishment of through truck restrictions on these three roads. This can be accomplished through the adoption of proposed Resolution Nos. R03-134 (Wolf Trap Road) and R03-135 (Claxton Creek Road and Purgold Road).

¹ Resolution No. R99-155, adopted September 1, 1999

² Resolution No. R98-198, adopted November 4, 1998

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Attachment

- Area Maps
- Summary of Eligibility Criteria
- Proposed Resolution No. R03-134 (Wolf Trap Road)
- Proposed Resolution No. R03-135 (Claxton Creek Road and Purgold Road)